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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6978**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1112

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 14, 2012

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 23, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Telecommunications Providers of Last Resort.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Lehman

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Hershman

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed Senate

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill amends references to Federal Telecommunications Law made obsolete by amendments to the federal law. It repeals the statute that requires the Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) to determine, under certain circumstances, a successor local telephone exchange carrier for an area in which an exiting local exchange carrier ceases operations. It also makes conforming amendments.

For purposes of the statute that allows the IURC to declare an emergency in an area in Indiana in which voice service is not offered by a communications service provider, specifies that if the IURC authorizes a provider to offer voice service in the area, the IURC must permit the provider to offer the service through any available technology or medium determined by the provider. The bill provides that upon notice to the IURC by an incumbent local exchange carrier that is the provider of last resort in one or more parts of the incumbent local exchange carrier's service area, the incumbent local exchange carrier is relieved of its obligation as the provider of last resort in any part of the incumbent local exchange carrier's service area in which there are at least two communications service providers (one of which may be the incumbent local exchange carrier) offering certain voice telephony services specified in federal regulations.

It provides that after June 30, 2014, upon notice to the IURC by an incumbent local exchange carrier that is the provider of last resort in one or more parts of the incumbent local exchange carrier's service area, the incumbent local exchange carrier is relieved of its provider of last resort obligation with respect to any part of its service area identified in its notice. The bill specifies that relief from a provider of last resort obligation does not affect an incumbent local exchange carrier's obligations under federal law.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2012.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** IURC.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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